GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DEMONSTRATION AGAINST FILM
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA;JASWANT SINGH YADAV;MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a): whether there were several demonstrations against the recently released film `Gadar`;

(b): if so, the main demands of the protestors; and

(c): the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (Smt. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): There have been reports in the press about some incidents of protests, in some parts of the country, against some scenes and dialogues in the recently released Hindi film `GADAR- Ek Prem Katha`.

(c): Maintenance of law and public order are State subjects and, as such, the responsibility to deal with incidents of violence lies with the State Governments.